

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Washington July 7 and 29, 1947
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The Norwegian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

NORWEGIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JULY 7, 1947

EXCELLENCY:

With reference to recent conversations between representatives of the Department of State and representatives of the Royal Norwegian Embassy, relative to mutual waiver of visa requirements for non-immigrants, I have the honor to propose that the following agreement be effected between the Government of Norway and the Government of the United States of America:

"The Norwegian Government on and after August 1, 1947, will waive visa requirements, but not passport requirements for American citizens proceeding to continental Norway, and will waive the passport visa fees for American citizens proceeding to Norwegian territory outside continental Norway. American citizens, who desire to take employment in Norway or to stay there for a long period of time, will be required to obtain a permit, except in the cases of officials of the United States Government, their families, servants and employees. Any number of entries may be made into Norway without a visa.

¹ By an exchange of notes at Washington Apr. 25, 1958, it was agreed that,

"1. American citizens who wish to stay in Norway for a period exceeding *three months* after the entry from a non-Nordic country into *one of the countries* party to the above mentioned Convention [convention between Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden dated July 12, 1957] must apply for a residence permit in Norway.

"2. The time-limit of *three months* will be counted from and including the date of his last entry into the territory of the said Nordic countries. A visitor who during the last six months before his last entry has been staying in one of the Nordic countries will, however, have such a period of stay deducted from the said period of *three months*."

Effective on and after August 1, 1947, the Government of the United States of America will waive the passport visa fees for citizens or subjects of Norway, who are bona fide non-immigrants within the meaning of the immigration laws of the United States, and who are proceeding to the United States and possessions. A non-immigrant passport visa granted by an American Consular Officer to a Norwegian citizen or subject is valid for any number of applications for admission within a period of twenty-four months from date of issuance, provided the passport of the bearer is valid for that period."

In case Your Excellency's Government consents to the above form, your reply to that effect will be considered sufficient by my Government for the purpose of concluding the proposed agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

W. MORGENSTIERNE

His Excellency GEORGE C. MARSHALL,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

No: 257

The Secretary of State to the Norwegian Ambassador

WASHINGTON
Jul 29 1947

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note no. 257 dated July 7, 1947 stating that the Norwegian Government is willing, on and after August 1, 1947, to waive the visa fees for United States citizens who are nonimmigrants proceeding to Norway and to abolish the requirement for such visa, but not the passport, for United States citizens proceeding to continental Norway.

The United States Government has authorized its consular officers, effective August 1, 1947, to waive the fee for the visa and application therefor for nonimmigrants, other than officials, proceeding to the United States and its possessions who are subjects of Norway, the visa to be valid for any number of entries into the United States and its possessions within a period of twenty-four (24) months, provided that they hold valid Norwegian passports and the holder of the visa continues to maintain nonimmigrant status. The period of validity of the visa relates to the period within which it may be used for presentation at a port of entry and not to the length of stay in the

United States which will continue to be a matter for determination by the immigration or other authorities.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

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His Excellency

WILHELM MUNTHE DE MORGENSTIERNE,
Ambassador of Norway.